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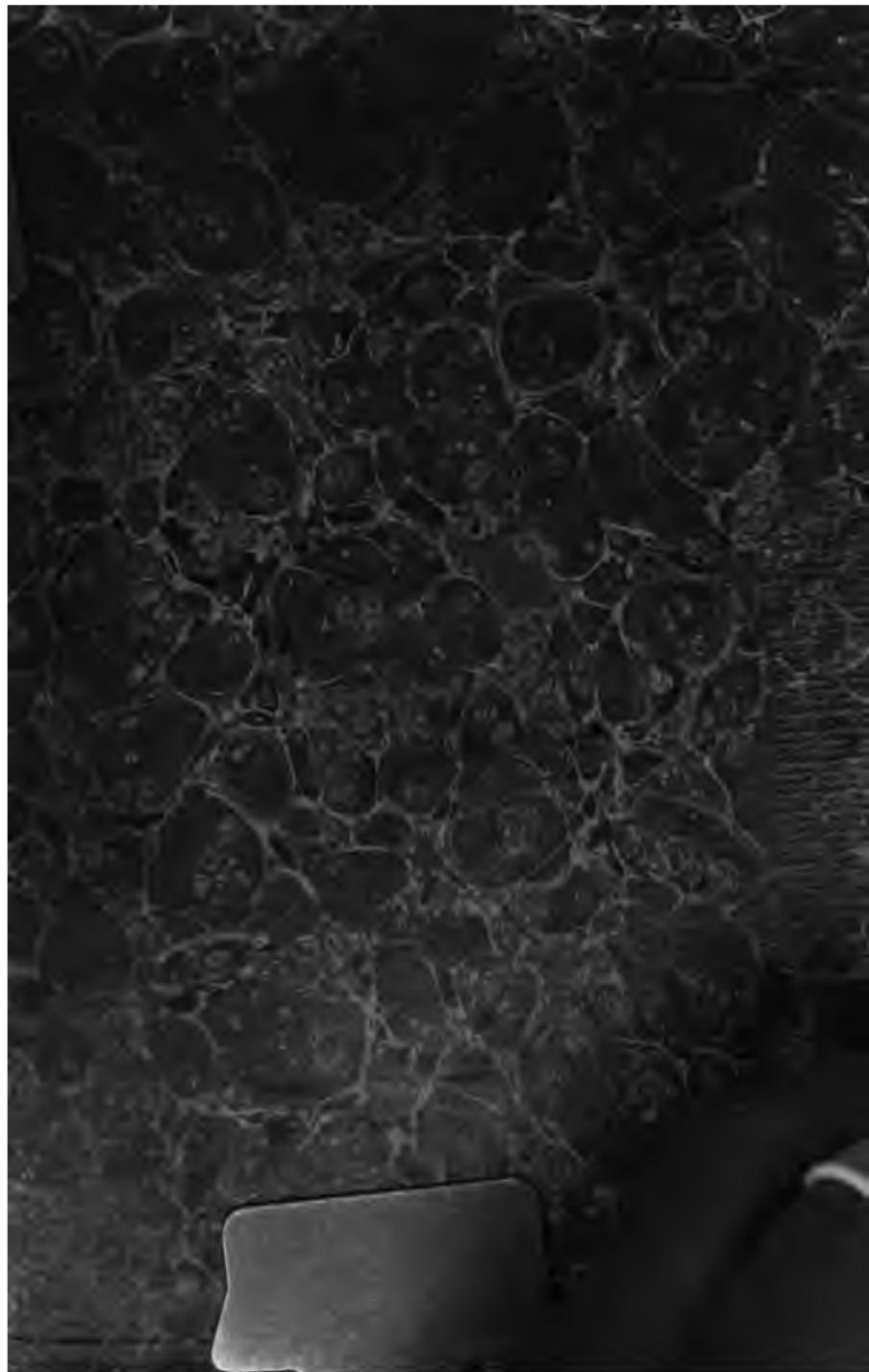
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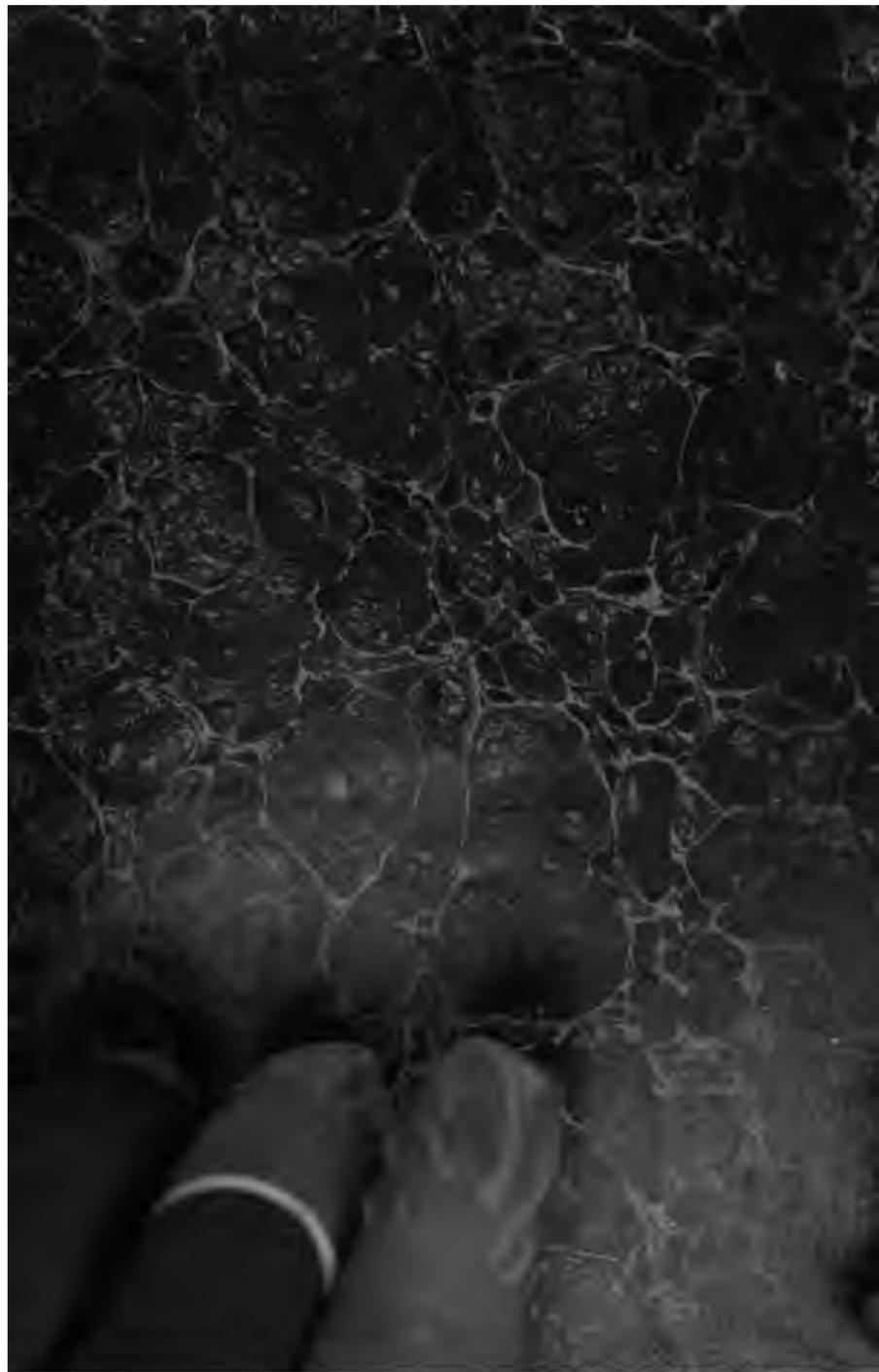
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## INTRODUCTION.

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THIS book is a translation of an unpublished Manual used in the excellent school of Noorthey, Holland, and was prepared for the use of the pupils of that institution. My object in translating and publishing it is to supply the want of a faithful outline of general history which can be filled up according to the capacities of learners.

The Manual has been for many years successfully employed in the above school in teaching boys of from ten to seventeen years old; alterations and additions have been made from time to time until it has become, to my thinking, as nearly perfect, of its kind, as possible.

To speak so highly in praise of such a common-place looking little book will not seem singular to those who know how in-

ferior most of our elementary school books are, and especially those abridgments and catechisms which, possessing only the questionable recommendation of being calculated to save teacher and pupil trouble, are still in extensive use.

As this Manual of Universal History differs in form from most English school books, I may, perhaps, be allowed to suggest the way in which I consider it may be employed to the greatest advantage.

The text should be committed to memory, little by little, by the pupil; but not until it has been made palatable and easy of digestion.

Sometimes a line, sometimes a single name and date, will be sufficient; but it will be well, in the case of beginners, never to learn by heart any part of the text before the oral lesson has been given.

The meaning of every difficult word and construction should be carefully explained, so

that the pupil may feel that what he learns is an exact summing up of what has been conveyed to him by word of mouth.

Before a fresh lesson is begun, as much of the preceding parts as relates immediately to the period under consideration should be re-said.

No new **NAMES** should be introduced until the course has been gone through once at least.

If a boy learn the text with difficulty and dislike, we must, in most cases, conclude that our preliminary oral teaching has been faulty.

“**LYCURGUS**” [880] will not be a hard name and date to a boy who has taken an interest in the black broth, and the iron money, and the young Spartans’ orchard adventures and table-talk.

But though it is of so much importance to excite and sustain interest, care should be taken not to overcrowd a lesson with illustration. A good teacher will know, within a little, what he means to say before he con-

fronts his class, and will be careful not to let a forward pupil lead him into digressions which will spoil the *ensemble* of his lesson.

In teaching beginners, a large map is preferable to an atlas, and a black board and chalk should be constantly in readiness.

In going through the course a second time the pupils should, when sufficiently advanced, prepare themselves by private reading for their *vivâ voce* lesson; extracts from standard authors should be read to them; and this higher instruction should be followed by compositions, the pupils taking passages from the familiar Manual as headings to their essays.

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ANCIENT HISTORY.

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ASIA.

THE fertile banks of the Nile, the Ganges, the Euphrates, the Tigris and the Oxus were the places where men first established themselves and founded different states, about 2200 B.C. In all these places there was a ruling caste or tribe, that of the *priests*, which reserved to itself the control of religion and the chief authority (*Theocracy*). These *priests*, though known under various names, Brahmins, Chaldaeans, Magi, &c., seem to belong to the same race of men.

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Egypt, of which the earliest mentioned king is **Menes**, was divided into several Egyptian provinces.

small states. **SESOSTRIS** [1500] united most of these. **PSAMMETICUS** [656] placed the Egyptians in communication with the neighbouring peoples. This country was conquered, under **PSAMMENITUS**, by Cambyses, king of Persia [525].—The principal divinities of the Egyptians were Ammon, Osiris and Iris.

*Indians.* The Indians, whose civilisation was as ancient as that of the Egyptians, were, like them, divided into several castes, the chief of which was that of the **Brahmins**. Their legislator was  **MENU** and their language the *Sanskrit*, the most ancient of all the Indo-European languages. Their principal divinities were **Brahma**, **Vishnu** and **Siva**, the powers of creation, preservation and destruction.

*Phœnicians.* Among the peoples of the Shematic race are to be distinguished the Jews, Arabs and Phœnicians. The Phœnicians settled on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean, and became the most commercial people of antiquity. They founded colonies and dépôts in most of the coun-

tries between the Atlantic Ocean and India. Their most important colony was Carthage, on the coast of Africa, which became a very powerful state.—The Phœnicians were conquered by the Assyrians, and afterwards by the Persians.

The countries between the Tigris and Euphrates seem to have formed in the earliest ages a Chaldæan empire of which Babylon was the centre until 1273 B.C., at which epoch the Assyrians established themselves there and gained the supremacy. Under the reign of **PHUL** [*about 750*] the Medes freed themselves from the Assyrian yoke, and Nabonassar founded at Babylon a new Chaldæan dynasty.

Still the Assyrians prevailed under **TIGLATH PILESER**, and above all under **SHALMANESER** [729]. They reduced Damascus, the kingdom of Israel, Syria and Babylon; and, under Sennacherib, endangered the independence of Judah and of Egypt.

But, east of the Tigris, the Medes, who had become formidable by their union under one prince [Deioces, 656], although checked for a time by the invasion of the

Scythians, formed an alliance, under the reign of Cyaxares, with **NABOPOLASSAR**, governor of Babylon, took Nineveh [606] and put an end to the Assyrian empire.

Babylon, having thus recovered its independence, inherited the rights of Assyria over the south-western provinces, and under **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** [605] further extended its dominion by the conquest of Tyre and the kingdom of Judah. Egypt, too, succumbed for a time. The rule of the Babylonians lasted until the taking of their capital by Cyrus, king of Persia [539].

*Medes.* The Medes (*predominant tribe, the Magi — ZOROASTER*) succeeded the Assyrians. Their empire comprehended the countries situate between the Tigris and the Indus ; they were reduced by Cyrus, king of Persia.

*Persians.* The Persians, whom **CYRUS** made independent [560], conquered successively Media, Babylonia, Phœnicia and Lydia, of which last named country Crœsus was then king ;—in a word, all the countries between the Indus and the Mediterranean. **CAMBYESES**, the second king,

added Egypt, and **DARIUS** organised, to a certain extent, this vast empire. After long wars with the Greeks the Persians were subjected, under the reign of **DARIUS CODOMANUS**, by **Alexander**, king of Macedonia [333].

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### EUROPE.

THE races which compose the population of Europe are ; the *Pelasgian* race in Greece and Italy, the *Germanic* race in Germany, the *Sclavonic* race in Russia, Poland, Bohemia, Hungary and the north of Turkey, and the *Keltic* race in the western part of Europe.—Some historians admit an *Iberian* race in Spain. History treats chiefly of the first two of these races.

### GREEKS.

GREECE was first peopled by the Pelasgi, to which people the Hellenes probably belong. The *myths* of **CECROPS**, **DANAUS** and **CADMUS** seem to indicate the intro-

duction of foreign elements (Egyptian and Phœnician) into Greece.

It is difficult to say precisely what historical value can be assigned to such events as the Argonautic Expedition, the War of Thebes and of Troy, and the Return of the Heraclides. They belong to what is termed the *heroic* period of Greek history.

After this period Greece seems to have been divided into a number of small republics. The Dorians, one of the principal of the Hellenic tribes, predominated in Sparta, Argos, Corinth and throughout nearly the whole of the Peloponnesus. The Ionians, the other principal tribe, inhabited Athens, most of the colonies of Asia Minor and the islands of the Archipelago. The other tribes were the Achæans, who peopled the North of the Peloponnesus, and the Æolians of Hellas proper and the coast of Asia Minor. The *Amphictyonic Council*, the oracles and the national games served to unite the several states of Greece. The first among these states were Sparta [Lycurus, 880] and Athens [Solon, 594].

The Greeks of Asia Minor, aided by the Greeks of Europe, having revolted [501] against King Darius the Persians attempted the conquest of Greece ; but they were repulsed by the Athenians, under **MILTIADES** [490]. Ten years later the Spartans, under **LEONIDAS** and **PAUSANIAS**, and the Athenians, under **THERMISTOCLES** and **ARISTIDES**, baffled a second attempt directed by Xerxes, king of Persia [480 and 479] ; and afterwards Athens, whose powerful fleet was confided to **CIMON**, forced the Persians to recognise the independence of the Greek colonies [449].

From this time the Athenians, the most civilised of all the Greeks, under **PERICLES** [444], arrogated to themselves the supremacy over all the other republics and excited a long war, called the *Peloponnesian War* [431]. They failed in an expedition against Sicily [415], and, notwithstanding the efforts of **ALCIBIADES**, Athens was reduced and taken by the Spartan **LYSANDER** [404].

The Spartans, who had now the chief sway, carried on, under **AGESILAUS**, the

war against Persia. But the Theban **EPAMINONDAS** reduced their power [371]. During his lifetime Thebes was supreme among the Greek states.

Shortly afterwards the *Sacred War* [356] gave Philip of Macedonia an opportunity of interfering in the affairs of the Greeks whom he conquered [338], forcing them to acknowledge him as their ruler. His son **ALEXANDER the Great** reduced Asia as far as to the Indus. His empire succeeded that of the Persians. After the death of this conqueror [323] his dominions were divided into three monarchies, that of Egypt under the **PTOLEMIES**, that of Syria under the **SELEUCIDE**, and that of Macedonia.

The new Egyptian monarchy rose to great fame on account of the centralisation of commerce at Alexandria and the encouragement given to science by the Ptolemies.

Syria soon lost several provinces, which became independent states. The Parthians, under the **ARSACIDE**, founded [256] a kingdom between the Tigris and Indus which lasted till 226 A.D., when

**ARDSHIR** founded the second Persian empire (*dynasty of the SASSANIDE*).

Macedonia, which succumbed to the descendants of **ANTIGONUS**, was instrumental in causing the downfall of Greece, which was weakened by the rivalry of the *Achæan* and *Ætolian leagues*.

All the Hellenic states were successively conquered by the Romans.

### ROMANS.

ITALY was anciently occupied by the Etruscans, the Sabines, the Latins and the Siculi. The coasts of southern Italy (*Magna Græcia*) and the eastern part of Sicily were peopled by Greek colonies; their principal towns were Cumæ, Tarrentum and Syracuse.

According to tradition Rome, founded B.C. 753, had at first seven kings, viz. **ROMULUS**, **NUMA POMPILIUS**, **TULLUS HOSTILIUS**, **ANCUS MARCIUS**, **TARQUINIUS PRISCUS**, **SERVIUS TULLIUS**, and **TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS**. Under the reign of the last mentioned king **BRUTUS** is said to have abolished the monarchical system at Rome [509]. After

the expulsion of the Tarquins the Roman Republic, governed by two *consuls* who were elected yearly, was agitated by those quarrels between the Patricians and Plebeians which led to the institution of *tribunes of the people*, the war of **CORIOLANUS** and the creation of *decemvirs* who were appointed to furnish the Romans with laws [450]. At last, after a struggle of two centuries, public appointments were equally accessible to all the Roman citizens. During these internal agitations the Romans had successively possessed themselves of all the several states of Latium, and under **CAMILLUS** they began the conquest of Etruria, when they were arrested by the terrible invasion of the Gauls who burned Rome [389]. Rome, rebuilt by Camillus after the departure of the Gauls, regained its sway over the neighbouring peoples and reduced the Samnites after a war which raged throughout Italy [343-290]. The Tarentines called Pyrrhus, king of Epirus, to their aid, but the Romans drove him from Italy and completed the conquest of **Magna Græcia**.

Having become masters of the whole of the peninsula the Romans met with the Carthaginians in Sicily, and after three dangerous wars, called *Punic Wars*, succeeded in annihilating that commercial republic which had predominated in the western part of the Mediterranean. In the first war [264] the Roman **REGULUS** was defeated and taken prisoner, but at its close the Romans had conquered half of Sicily. Their ally **HIERON**, king of Syracuse, possessed the rest. Some years after they took Sardinia [237] and reduced Cisalpine Gaul [222] and Illyria. In the second Punic war **HANNIBAL** [219], the most formidable enemy of Rome, repeatedly defeated the Romans, when **SCIPIO Africanus**, having taken the greater part of Spain from the Carthaginians and invaded Africa, forced upon Carthage a humiliating peace [202].

The Romans now turned their arms against the monarchies formed by the partition of the empire of Alexander the Great. They conquered the kings of Macedonia [197] and Syria [190]. **ÆMILIUS PAULUS** reduced the Macedo-

nians [168]; and while **SCIPIO AEMILIANUS** completed the conquest of Spain and destroyed Carthage, **MUMMIUS** possessed himself of Corinth and the rest of Greece [146].

After the **GRACCHI** had failed in their attempts to bring about a reform, the Romans, under **MARIUS**, wrested Numidia from Jugurtha and checked the invasion of the Cimri [102]. A little later (although the republic had been weakened by the *Social War*, the revolt of the slaves headed by Spartacus, and the civil wars headed by Marius and Sylla) [80], **POMPEY** defeated Mithridates, king of Pontus, and added the kingdom of Syria to the empire. **POMPEY**, **CRASSUS**, and **CÆSAR** exercised together a predominant influence in the state (first *triumvirate*), until Cæsar, having conquered Gaul, defeated Pompey and the faction of the senate [48], and changed the ancient government into a military monarchy, the chiefs of which were called *Cæsars* or emperors.

Cæsar was assassinated; but the republican party having been suppressed

by the second triumvirate, **AUGUSTUS**, Cæsar's heir, vanquished his rival **MARK ANTONY** [30] and made Egypt a Roman province. The Romans now possessed all the countries around the Mediterranean, which served to unite all the divisions of their empire.—The age of Augustus was the golden age of Roman literature.—In his reign Christ was born.

The immediate successors of Augustus made themselves odious by their tyranny and licentiousness; but **VESPASIAN** [A. D. 69] upheld the imperial authority. His son **titus** destroyed Jerusalem and dispersed the Jews [70]. **AGRICOLA**, **DOMITIAN**'s general, conquered the southern part of Great Britain.

**TRAJAN**, **HADRIAN**, **ANTONINUS**, and **MARCUS AURELIUS** [98–180] protected the Roman territory against the Parthians and Germans, and added to it Dacia and Mesopotamia. But under their successors, who were raised to the throne by the soldiery, the empire fell into decadence. **DIOCLETIAN** [284], for the better administration of government,

divided it into four parts. **CONSTANTINE the Great** [306] reunited these parts and established christianity. At last, after the death of **THEODOSIUS** [A. D. 395], two empires were definitely formed, that of the East under **ARCADIUS**, and that of the West under **HONORIUS**.

*Inva-  
sions of  
the Bar-  
barians.*

The Germans, who had hitherto been contented to intrude upon the border countries, invaded the Empire of the West at the beginning of the Vth century and settled there.

The Alani, the Suevi, and the Vandals, passed into Spain, and the latter, under **GENSERIC**, went over to Africa.—The Visigoths, under **ALARIC** and **ATHAULF**, established themselves in Spain and the south of Gaul.—The Franks and the Burgundians occupied the north and east of Gaul.—The Angles and Saxons settled in Great Britain [449].

The terrible invasion, under **ATTILA** [450], of the Huns, an Asiatic race, did not alter the respective positions of these peoples. They all successively embraced Christianity.

**ODOACER** put an end to the Western Empire [476]. After him the Ostrogoths, under **THEODORIC** *the Great*, entered Italy [493]; but being driven out by Justinian, emperor of the East, a part of them rejoined the Visigoths, who with their aid were enabled to complete the conquest of Spain.—The Lombards penetrated into Italy under **ALBOIN** [568] and settled there.

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## MIDDLE AGES.

## I. ARABS, FRANKS, NORMANS.

*Justinian.*

THE empire of the East lasted much longer than that of the West; and even under **JUSTINIAN** [527] his general **BELISARIUS** repulsed the Persians and Bulgarians, and recovered Africa from the Vandals. The same general and **NARSES** wrested Italy from the Ostrogoths, while **TRIBONIAN** prepared the *Corpus Juris* (*Codex, Pandectæ*). Justinian's successors were less successful against the Arabs.

*Arabs.*

Converted to a new religion by **MAHOMET** [622], the Arabs extended their power under the khalifs, who succeeded their prophet in Syria, Egypt, and Asia Minor. They overthrew the new empire of Persia, and, advancing in another direction along the northern coast of Africa, took Spain from the Goths [711], a part of whom, however, remained independent

in Asturia. — During several centuries the Arabs were the most civilised and prosperous of nations. From their dominions were formed in later times the three khalifats of Bagdad, Cordova and Egypt.

The Arabs were arrested in their conquests in the West by the Franks. From the time of **CLOVIS** [481] this nation, united to the Burgundians, had been engaged in the conquest of Gaul to the Pyrenees. It acquired its greatest development under **CHARLEMAGNE** [800]. Through his victories over the Saxons Charlemagne introduced Christianity into Germany. He destroyed the kingdom of the Lombards in Italy, and united under his rule France, Germany to the Elbe, the north of Italy, and Spain to the Ebro. The rest of Italy was divided between the Greeks, the Saracens and the dukes of Beneventum. — From the vast empire of Charlemagne were formed [843] Lotharingia, France and Germany, which were exposed to the invasions of the Slaves, the Magyars (a people ori-

ginally inhabiting the Ural mountains) and the Normans. — The empire of Lotharingia merged into that of Germany. In France **HUGH CAPET** dethroned the last of the Carlovingians [987]. The Germans had chosen **ARNULF** for their king [887]. Among the successors of Arnulf were **HENRY the Fowler** and his son **OTTO I. the Great** [936] who checked the ravages of the Slaves, while the Magyars were forced to settle in Hungary, where they became the ruling people. Otto conquered also the north of Italy, and took the title of *Emperor*.

*Nor-  
mans.*

Taking advantage of the feebleness of the successors of Charlemagne the peoples of the North, generally called Northmen, invaded incessantly France, the Low Countries, and especially England. **ALFRED the Great** [871] succeeded in chasing them from England, but they returned under their king **CANUTE** [1014].

One of these bands of Normans established itself in the north of France (*Normandy*) under **ROLLO** [912] and embraced Christianity. A duke of this

nation, **WILLIAM I.** *the Conqueror*, gained possession of England [1066] and divided the land among his Norman followers, who became the aristocracy of the country. Some years earlier **ROBERT GUISCARD**, another Norman, took southern Italy from the emperors of Constantinople, and founded the kingdom of Naples, which took the name of the *two Sicilies* when the Normans took Sicily from the Arabs.

About the year 1000 **BOLESLAUS** founded the kingdom of Poland and **STEPHEN** that of Hungary.

Feudalism prevailed in the empire of *Charlemagne* and in those countries which, like Naples, England and Palestine, received it to a greater or less degree from that empire.

After the German conquests the soil remained *allodial* property, or entered into the domain of princes who yielded part of it to their clients as fiefs. Soon [towards 900] these fiefs began to become hereditary. On the other hand, on account of the weakness of the Car-

lovingians, the ravages of the Normans, Slaves and Magyars, and the violence of the *counts* and *dukes* who aimed at independence, the position of the allodial proprietors became insupportable. They applied to the powerful for protection, yielding to them their possessions, of which they themselves retained the use ; these were called *arrear-fiefs*. Thus the feudal system may be described as a state of society depending upon a contract of assistance on the part of the lord and of fidelity on the part of the vassel. The feudal contract assured to the Suzerain, beyond forty days of military service, the rights of alienation, of confiscation and aids varying according to locality. The great vassals retained for a long time the rights of private war, of coining money, of administering justice throughout their domains, of exemption from tax, and independence of all tribunals save that of their *peers*.

## II. CRUSADES.

The bishops of Rome, who called *Papacy*. themselves successors of S. Peter, had, from the earliest ages of our era, taken the title of *pope* (father), and, especially after the division of the Roman empire, had sought to place themselves above the other bishops of Christendom. With the help of the Frankish kings they had withdrawn themselves from subjection to the emperors of Constantinople, and governed independently the little state of Ravenna [about 800]; this was the beginning of the *State of the Church*. As the Greek bishops refused to acknowledge the supremacy of the popes a schism took place, in the middle of the 11th century, which divided Christendom into two Churches, the *Greek* and the *Latin*.

Henceforward the popes, taking advantage of the ignorance in which Europe was plunged, considerably increased their authority. **GREGORY VII.** [1073] endeavoured to persuade the sovereigns

of Europe that, as *vicar of Christ*, he was their superior ; he even excommunicated the emperor of Germany, Henry IV. : and thus Rome became again, in some sort, the capital of the West.

1. **URBAN II.**, one of the successors of Gregory VII., caused to be preached in the West, by **PETER the Hermit**, the *first Crusade*, a holy war undertaken for the purpose of rescuing Palestine from the infidels. — **GODFREY DE BOUILLON**, who commanded the crusaders, took Jerusalem, of which he was elected king [1099].

2. The repeated attacks of the Turks, a Tartar tribe that had conquered part of the khalifat of Bagdad, made a *second Crusade* necessary. **Louis VII.**, king of France, and **KONRAD III.**, emperor of Germany, joined this crusade at the instigation of **S. BERNARD** [1147] ; but their expedition was fruitless.

3. **SALADIN**, sultan of Egypt, having taken possession of Jerusalem, **FREDERIC (I.) Barbarossa** of Germany, **PHILIPPE AUGUSTE** of France, and **RICHARD (I.) Cœur de Lion** of England undertook

a *third Crusade*, of which the only result was the taking of Acre [1190].

4. The *fourth Crusade* was directed against Constantinople [1202]; **BALDWIN**, count of Flanders, founded there the *Latin empire*, which lasted about sixty years.

5. **ANDREW**, king of Hungary, and **WILLIAM I.** count of Holland, engaged in a *fifth Crusade*; and after them the Emperor **FREDERIC II.**, who recovered Jerusalem for a time by treaty [1227].

6 and 7. The *two last Crusades* [1248 and 1270], directed against Egypt and the state of Tunis by **LOUIS IX.** of France, were unsuccessful.

The kingly power was not firmly *France* established in France until the reign of *and England*. **Philippe Auguste**, who confiscated the Norman possessions of **JOHN LACKLAND**, and in whose reign **INNOCENT III.** ordered a Crusade against the Albigenses [Manichæans, Vaudois—1208—Tribunal of the *Inquisition*].

But in England after the reign of **Henry II.**, the first of the Plantagenets,

the royal authority, already shaken by the struggle of this prince with the clergy [**THOMAS A BECKET**, 1170], was limited, under John, by the *Great Charter* [1214].

*Spain.*

The Spaniards, issuing from their retreats in the Asturias, recovered Leon and Castille from the Arabs. The ancient Gothic March formed the kingdom of Aragon. The Basques, who occupied the kingdom of Navarre, were nearly independent; and **ALPHONSO I.** made himself king of Portugal [1142].

*Germany  
and  
Italy.*

The constantly increasing power of the popes diminished that of the emperors of Germany. The great vassals declared themselves almost independent. The most powerful of them formed the *College of Electors*: these were the following;— the archbishops of Trèves, of Cologne and of Mayence, the king of Bohemia, the duke of Saxony, the count palatine of the Rhine, and the margrave of Brandenberg. These great vassals governed their states almost absolutely, only recognising in the emperor the power of executing the

measures upon which they had decided in their common assemblies, or *diets*. These measures concerned the interests of the *empire*.

And as, since the time of Otto I., the emperors persisted in asserting their rights in Italy, the popes supported against Frederic Barbarossa and his successors the Lombard league, composed chiefly of the republics of the north of Italy. The partizans of the Emperor were called Guelfs, and his adversaries Ghibelines. And when, under Frederic II., the house of *Hohenstaufen* had established itself in the south of Italy the popes called to their aid Charles of Anjou, brother of Louis IX. of France. This prince conquered the kingdom of Naples and Sicily [1266]; and although he lost Sicily after the massacre called the *Sicilian Vespers* [1282] he continued to be the chief stay of the Guelfic party.

The influence of the Crusades was very great in Europe. The kingly power was augmented at the expense of the aristocracy and through the increasing importance of the *Commons*. The clergy

*Influence  
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Crusades.*

lost in moral influence what they had gained in wealth and number (*Dominicans*, *Franciscans*). The nobility were no more than the first of the free classes of the population, but their family names and armorial bearings kept them distinct. The disorders of the time, led to the institution of *chivalry*. In support of the Christians in the East orders, at once military and religious, arose : that of the *Hospitallers*, established successively at Rhodes and Malta ; the *Teutonic* order, who, later, settled in Prussia and Livonia ; and the *Templars*. — Very many cities having obtained their freedom, either by revolt or by purchasing their liberty, immediately submitted themselves to the sovereign of the country, who in return granted them certain privileges, of which the right of making their own laws, bearing arms and regulating customs were the principal. In order to promote commerce and to protect their liberties several *leagues* were formed, as those of Lombardy, Flanders, the Rhine, and the *Hanseatic League* [1241], the most important of all, which embraced as many

as 70 cities. The Mediterranean route was opened to trade by the Christians. The republics of Pisa, Venice, and Genoa extended their commerce and soon became the dépôts of the eastern and western markets, and merchandise was conveyed into the different countries of Europe through the intervention of the confederate cities. — The learning of the Greeks and Arabs penetrated into the West, where several *universities* were founded, as those of Paris, Oxford, Cambridge, Salerno, Bologna, Padua, Salamanca and Coimbra.

### III. FROM THE CRUSADES TO THE REFORMATION.—DECADENCE OF FEUDALISM.

In order to put an end to the anarchy which prevailed in Germany after the fall of the Hohenstaufen the electors chose RUDOLF of Hapsburg [1273], who followed a course very different to that of his predecessors. Retaining no claims in Italy save the title of *King of the Romans*, he sought to create for his family an independent hereditary state. Germany and Italy.

With that view he conquered Austria, which had formed part of the kingdom of Bohemia, and thus became the founder of the *House of Austria*, which soon became so powerful that, after the extinction of the house of *Luxemburg*, the emperors were almost always chosen from its members. The successors of Rudolf exerted themselves in extending the heritage left to them.

Freed from its wars with the emperors, Italy became divided into a number of small states independent of each other. The maritime cities remained republics, while the rest were subject to sovereign princes. The most famous of the sovereign families of Italy were the **Visconti** and **Sforza** (Milan), the **Gonzaga** (Mantua), the house of **Est** (Ferrara), and, eminently, the **Medici** (Florence), who, during the fifteenth century, distinguished themselves above the rest by their magnificence and their patronage of the arts and sciences.

*Swit-  
zerland.*

Under **ALBERT**, a successor of Rudolf of Hapsburg, the members of the three *Swiss Leagues* (inhabiting Uri, Schwyz,

and Unterwalden) revolted, and formed the three first cantons of the *Helvetian Confederation* [1307].

**MARGARET**, queen of Denmark, added *The North.* Norway and Sweden to her dominions [1397] by the *Union of Calmar*; but, as her successors favoured the Danes, discords ensued which led to the rupture of the union [1523] under **CHRISTIERN II.**

The house of Austria entered upon a *Turks.* crusade, the object of which was to check the inroads of the Turks who threatened Christendom.—The Seljuk Turks overthrew the temporal power of the khalifs of Bagdad [1038].—Another Turkish tribe, escaping the dominion of the Mongols under **ZENGHIS KHAN**, settled at the foot of Mount Olympus and entered the service of the sultans of Iconium. These Turks, called Ottomans, from **OTHMAN** their first *Sultan*, regained their independence and made Bursa their first capital [1326]. **ORCHAN**, Othman's successor, passed into Europe and established a body of troops called Janissaries, by whose aid **MURAD I.** and **BAJAZET** ex-

tended their power in Europe and Asia. Although checked for a moment [1402] by the Mongols, under **TIMOUR THE LAME**, they pursued their conquests during the fifteenth century. **MURAD II.** reduced Asia Minor and the Slave tribes who had established themselves in the Byzantine empire. **MAHOMET II.** took Constantinople [1453] and put an end to the Eastern Empire. He completed the conquest of Greece, and defeated the Tartar tribes of the north of the Black Sea. Under **SOLEYMAN** the Turks attained the highest pitch of their glory: their dominion succeeded that of the Arabs in Syria, Egypt, and the north of Africa.

When the news of the taking of Constantinople was spread, and, above all, when it was known that Venice had consented to pay tribute to the *Infidel*, and that a Turkish fleet was ravaging the coast of Italy, Europe was alarmed, and the popes, of whom Pius II. was the most zealous in the cause, preached a crusade. **GEORGE CASTRIOT** (Scanderbeg), **JOHN HUNNYAD** and **MATTHIAS CORVINUS**—

son of the latter and king of Hungary — were the true bulwarks of Christianity, and arrested the progress of the Turks. After this period the Turks alarmed Germany more than once, and twice laid siege to Venice; but these successes were but temporary, and Hungary remained the limit of their empire in Europe.

Among the Slavonic states Poland, *Slaves.* under the *Jagellons*, plays the most important part. In the fifteenth century it comprised Lithuania and Galicia, and disputed the dominion of eastern Prussia and Livonia with the Teutonic Order. — A little farther eastward the *czar* of Muscovy, **IVAN III.** [1462] rendered himself independent of the Tartars, and thus established in the Russian monarchy a rival to Poland. But in Germany the *Slaves* lost their nationality. **JOHN ZISCA**, during the Hussite wars, and **GEORGE PODIEBRAD** long defended Bohemia; but, after the death of **SIGISMUND** [1437], this kingdom became one of the hereditary states of the house of Austria.

*France  
and  
England.*

We have seen how Germany and Italy were broken up into a number of little states ; France, on the other hand, from the time of Philippe Auguste and Louis IX., acquired more and more unity. The kings of France, whose dominions increased considerably during the crusades, found in the commons a powerful support against the feudal lords. They had little to fear from the popes : when **BONIFACE VIII.** wished to excommunicate **PHILIPPE-LE-BEL** [about 1300] the whole realm united to resist the pope's pretensions. Then it was that *Etats-Généraux* (States General) were first convoked. Philip established pope Clement V. at Avignon and abolished the order of Knights Templars [1312].

After the death of **CHARLES IV.** [1328], the last of the *Capetians*, **PHILIPPE of Valois** and **EDWARD III.** of England disputed the crown of France ; this was the origin of a war which lasted about a century. Edward III., having made an alliance with the Flemings, who were led by **JACQUES ARTEVELD**, and with a part of the Bretons, took Calais, and his son, the

*Black Prince*, gained great victories in the west of France. **CHARLES V.**, aided by **DUGUESCLIN** [1364], checked the English for a time; but under his son, **CHARLES VI.**, **HENRY V.** possessed himself of France as far the Loire, and caused himself to be crowned king at Paris [1419]. A young country maiden, **JEANNE d'ARC**, arrested the English before Orleans [1429] and saved France. **CHARLES VII.** gradually reconquered the provinces that had succumbed to the English, so that in 1453 our French possessions were reduced to Calais only.

During these wars the dukes of Bur- *Bur-*  
gundy had become so powerful that they *gundy.*  
rivalled sovereigns of the first rank. By  
marriage and conquest **PHILIPPE-le-Bon**  
added Franche-Comté and the southern  
provinces of the Netherlands to Bur-  
gundy. He forced **JACQUELINE** of Bavaria  
to surrender to him Holland, Zealand  
and Friesland [1428]. But Louis XI.,  
king of France, who devoted himself to  
the ruin of the great vassals, destroyed  
this temporary power. Under him the

Swiss defeated **CHARLES the Bold**, the last duke of Burgundy, who died before Nancy [1477], and Louis added the duchy to his crown. The Netherlandish provinces were united to Austria by **MARY** of Burgundy's marriage with **MAXIMILIAN**.

Thus delivered from feudalism France prepared for war with Italy.

England, distracted by the *Wars of the Roses*, i.e. of the houses of York and Lancaster, took no part in these events. The accession of **HENRY VII.** [1485], the first of the Tudors, restored the country to comparative peace. This prince humiliated the English nobility.

*Spain  
and  
Por-  
tugal.*

Castile, Aragon and Portugal gained ground so considerably after the Crusades that, at the beginning of the XVth century, the kingdom of Granada was all that remained to the Moors. The kingdoms of Castile and Aragon were united by the marriage of **FERDINAND the Catholic**, king of Aragon, with **ISABELLA**, heiress of Castile [1469], so that Spain now formed one state. These two sovereigns attacked the Moors and took Granada in the same

year in which **CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS** discovered for them America [1492]. Supported by the Inquisition, which **TOLEQUEMADA** had just newly organised, they weakened the power both of the aristocracy and the commons, and thus prepared a way for the absolute rule of Charles the Fifth.

Towards this epoch Portugal became one of the chief maritime powers. **VASCO DE GAMA** discovered the passage to the Indies by the Cape of Good Hope [1498], and **ALBUQUERQUE** founded the empire of the Portuguese in the East.

Until the time of **LUDOVICO SFORZA** the *Italian wars.* Italians had the prudence to avoid applying to foreign powers to settle their differences. But that prince, who had usurped the ducal crown of Milan, thought he could not sustain his authority without appealing to the French. Italy consequently became the theatre of a bloody war, which terminated in the loss of her liberty. **CHARLES VIII.** of France crossed into Italy [1494] and achieved the temporary conquest of the

kingdom of Naples upon which he had claims. His successor, **Louis XII.**, supported by **CESARE BORGIA**, who sought to create for himself a state in Romagna, rapidly reduced Milan and the kingdom of Naples [1499]. But the Neapolitans having called the Spaniards to their aid, Ferdinand the Catholic sent **GONZALO DE CORDOVA** to Naples, who conquered that country and added it to Spain [1503].

Pope **JULIUS II.**, whose aim was to expel the foreigners from Italy, reunited the states of Cesare Borgia to the Holy See and humiliated the Venetians by the *League of Cambray* [1508]. Ferdinand the Catholic, Maximilian, emperor of Germany, and **HENRY VIII.** of England united with the pope in a *Holy League* [1511] against Louis XII. and drove the French from Italy. Nevertheless **FRANCIS I.**, the successor of Louis XII., retook Milan [1516]; but he found he had to cope with a rival who was more powerful and clever than himself.

Maximilian of Austria had had by Mary of Burgundy a son called **PHILIP the Handsome**, who, by his marriage with

**JOAN**, daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella, united the Netherlands and Castile under one sceptre. Philip's reign was short. **CHARLES**, the eldest of his sons, succeeded him. At the death of his grandfather Maximilian Charles was elected emperor [1519] and was thus sovereign of the Netherlands, Spain, and the kingdom of the two Sicilies, and emperor of Germany. Milan alone was wanting to him to unite his vast dominions. Having formed an alliance with Henry VIII. and Leo X. he invaded Milan, beat Francis I. at Pavia, took him prisoner [1525], and did not set him free until he had fully secured the conquered country.

The enfeebled Francis formed an alliance with **SOLEYMAN** and the protestants of Germany ; but Charles, notwithstanding the exhaustion of his wealth, repulsed all his enemies. His brother **FERDINAND**, who had just been crowned king of Hungary, resisted the Turks before Vienna [1529], and Charles defeated them and drove them out of Germany. In order to put an end to the piracies of the Turks he favoured the establish-

of printing, and the learning which the fugitive Greeks brought from Constantinople into the West,—were all powerful means of spreading new ideas.

*Reform-  
ers.*

The need of reform was, moreover, so deeply felt that the preaching of a poor monk was sufficient to separate from the church of Rome most of the states of the North. **LUTHER** and **MELANCHTHON** were the first apostles of the Reformation in Germany [1517], and **ZWINGLE** in German Switzerland. Although at first defeated by Charles V., the protestants of Germany, headed by **MAURICE** of Saxony, forced the emperor to allow them liberty of conscience [peace of Augsburg, 1555].

Sweden embraced the reformed religion in 1527, almost at the same time when **GUSTAVUS VASA** delivered her from the yoke of the Danes. Denmark declared herself protestant in 1536, at about which date Henry VIII. began the *Anglican Reformation*. **CALVIN** [1535] and **BEZA** preached protestantism in the West, and, unsubdued by persecution, the reformed faith was introduced into the

western and eastern provinces of France, into Switzerland, the Netherlands, and, by Knox, into Scotland.

In order to check this rapid progress Rome had recourse to an expedient which had served her in her dealings with the Albigenses. She armed the Roman Catholics of Southern Europe as for a holy war — a new crusade, — and instituted a new religious order, that of the *Jesuits* [founded by **IGNATIUS LOYOLA**, 1540], by which means she purposed to give unity to the *league*, and inspire it with the zeal necessary for its endurance. On the side of papacy were the emperor of Germany, the elector of Bavaria, the duke of Savoy, and, above all, Philip II. of Spain, who, through his fanaticism, the magnitude of his dominions, and the great wealth he drew from America, was at first the leading member of the *catholic league*. Rome was also supported by a powerful party in France headed by the Guise family.

At first the protestants rallied round *Elizabeth*, queen of England [1558], as

did the Roman Catholics round Philip II. A struggle began in Scotland against **MARY STUART**, in which the protestants had the advantage; the Queen of Scots was defeated by her rival, and her fall was a death-blow to catholicism in Scotland. The theatre of war was now transported to France and the Netherlands, where the protestants were headed by Admiral **DE COLIGNY** and **WILLIAM OF ORANGE**.

**Philip II.** Philip II., confounding in the same hatred the Calvinists and the Flemish nobles whom he had wearied by his tyranny, determined to try the force of persecution. He established the inquisition in the Netherlands, and sent thither the duke of **ALVA** to execute his plans of vengeance. In France the Guises and **CATHERINE de Medicis**, unable to conquer the Huguenots while under arms, attempted, on the eve of St. Bartholomew's day [1572], and at a time of peace, to massacre them all by treason. But all these cruelties served only to stir up a spirit of exasperation in the two coun-

tries. The Netherlands revolted, and, under William I., the northern provinces declared themselves independent [1579]. War was renewed in France by the protestants. The Catholic *league* was then organised and placed in connection with Spain by the monks and the Guises. Philip II., now [1580] master of Portugal, equipped a formidable fleet, the *Armada*, with which he thought to terminate the quarrel by one blow. His fleet was ruined. Aided by the queen of England, the protestants of France and the *politiques*, a sort of third party, placed **HENRY IV.** on the throne [1589]; but he was obliged to become a Roman catholic, in order to be acknowledged by the leaguers: the protestants, however, obtained of him the *Edict of Nantes* [1598], by which liberty of conscience was assured to them.

This prince, the first of the *Bourbons*, *Henry IV.* re-established peace in France and disarmed the *league*. He constantly supported the protestants in order to humble the overgrown power of Austria. **MAURICE** of Nassau was enabled to main- *Maurice.*

tain the integrity of the United Provinces against Spain, and even to monopolise her commerce with the East Indies. The Dutch replaced the Spanish and Portuguese in the Indies, and became for a time the principal commercial nation of Europe.

*Thirty  
Years'  
War.*

The religious war had not, up to this time, much agitated Germany, and the Reformation pursued there its march. Protestantism had made way in Austria, Hungary, and Bavaria. It was in Germany that Rome, whose projects had failed elsewhere, made a last effort. After the death of Philip II. she centred all her hopes in the emperor **Ferdinand II.**, the pupil of the Jesuits. This latter period of the religious wars has been called the *Thirty Years' War* [1618—1648].

At the beginning of the war the protestants were worsted, for England and France (governed by James I. and the regent Marie de Medicis) kept themselves almost aloof from the struggle. The Elector Palatine was driven from his dominions, and Denmark was forced

to conclude a disgraceful peace. **WALLEN-STEIN** and **TILLY**, generals of the catholic league, reduced almost the whole of Germany.

The protestants found a champion in **GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS**, king of Sweden. In *Gustavus Adolphus.* less than two years [1630—1632] he delivered the north of Germany, which rallied around him, defeated the catholic generals, reduced the electorates of Trèves and Mayence, retook the Palatinate and invaded Bavaria. Death arrested his conquests, but France took his place against Austria. From this period the war became almost entirely political.

**Louis XIII.**, son of Henry IV., chose for *Richelieu.* his minister Cardinal **RICHELIEU** [1625].

This prelate began his career by stifling in France every seed of discord; he suppressed the power of the nobles, and made the king's authority absolute. Then, full of confidence, he joined the enemies of Austria. Taking into his pay the armies of Sweden, he kept Austria at bay and attacked the Spanish in Flanders and Italy. He stirred up a rebellion in Catalonia, and encouraged the revolt in

Portugal by which that country recovered its independence, 1640. At last, after the Dutch, under **TROMP**, had ruined the Spanish fleet in the *Downs* [1639], and **CONDÉ** and **TURENNE** their land forces, the exhausted house of Austria determined upon peace. Rome recognised the impossibility of ruining protestantism.

— At the *Peace of Westphalia* [1648] the limits of the joint states of Europe were arranged much as they are at present, save that Sweden possessed almost all the coasts of the Baltic sea, while Naples, Milan, and Belgium were under the sway of Spain: the subsequent wars were no longer *religious* wars, but took place because such or such sovereign sought to disturb what was from that time called the *balance of power*.

*Crom-  
well.*

England did not take part in the *Thirty Years' War*. **JAMES I.** *Stuart*, who, after the death of Elizabeth, united the crowns of England and Scotland, and his son **CHARLES I.** attempted to maintain the absolute power of the *Tudors*; but the *Puritans*, a religious sect who considered

the Anglican reformation incomplete, acting in concert with the parliament, revolted against Charles I. **CROMWELL**, who placed himself at the head of the insurgents, defeated the king, whom he caused to be beheaded [1649], and was appointed *Lord Protector* of England. He prepared the way for the great maritime power of this country, which he restored to the rank she had held under Elizabeth.

## II. AGE OF LOUIS XIV.

France governed by **LOUIS XIV.** [1643—1715], united and strong after the trifling civil war of the *Fronde* (**MAZARIN**), was the first to attempt to upset the balance of power in Europe. Louis XIV., supported by his two ministers **COLBERT** and **Louvois**, took French Flanders from the Spanish [1668]. Holland, finding herself menaced, formed an alliance with Spain, and became the centre of the party opposed to France, whose preponderance succeeded that of Austria. Louis XIV. gained to his side **CHARLES II.**, who had

recovered the throne of England after Cromwell's death, and invaded Holland [1672]. Two great men frustrated his attempts. **DE RUYTER** defeated the combined fleets of England and France; while **WILLIAM III.** of Orange, who was raised to the stadholdership in spite of the **DE WITTS**, commanded the land forces, and succeeded in detaching England from the French alliance and opposed Germany and Denmark to Louis XIV. The peace of Nimeguen [1678] decided nothing. Holland remained as she was, but France gained Franche-Comté.—We have now reached the most brilliant period of the reign of Louis XIV. He possesses himself of Strasburg, interferes in the affairs of the empire, ill-treats Genoa, humiliates the pope, and bombards Algiers. In order to complete in every way the unity of France, he caused his clergy [1682] to define the liberties of the *Gallican Church*, and revoked the edict of Nantes [1685]. The persecuted protestants left France in great numbers and joined her enemies. From this time forward the power of Louis XIV. gradually decreased.

In their hatred of Romanism, which the Stuarts attempted to introduce, the English expelled **JAMES II.** and invited **William of Orange** to take his place [1688]. The king of France, who wished to restore James, found England, the Empire, Holland, Spain and Savoy opposed to him. James failed in an attempt made in Ireland [1690], and Louis lost his fleet off La Hogue [1692], but his generals **LUXEMBOURG** and **CATINAT** resisted the efforts of the allied land forces. France was able to preserve her former conquests, but she recognised **William III.** as king at the treaty of **Ryswyk** [1697].

*War of Succession in England.*

The Spanish branch of the house of Austria became extinct in the person of **Charles II.**; and that sovereign having chosen for his successor **Philip V.**, grandson of **Louis XIV.** [1700], the house of Bourbon occupied the throne of Spain. This was the cause of what is called the *War of the Spanish Succession*. **Louis XIV.**, troubled at home by the insurrection of the *Camisards* (protestants inhabiting the Cevennes), suffered many

*War of the Spanish Succession.*

reverses abroad. The English general **MARLBOROUGH** and Prince **EUGENE** of Savoy, who commanded for Austria, beat the French on several occasions. But the Archduke **CHARLES** of Austria, the rival of Philip V., having become emperor, the allies feared to raise the house of Austria too high by maintaining longer her cause. A victory gained by Marshal **VILLARS** led to peace [treaties of Utrecht and Rastadt, 1713 and 1714]. France preserved her former limits ; the house of Bourbon continued to reign in Spain ; Belgium, Naples, Sicily and Milan were transferred to Austria ; and England kept Gibraltar, which she had taken during the war.

*Euro-  
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colonies.*

Notwithstanding these wars the three principal maritime powers, England, Holland and France, spread themselves beyond Europe. The Dutch formed settlements on the coasts of Hindostan, but especially in the Eastern Archipelago, and colonised the Cape and Surinam. They were even masters for a time of the Portuguese colonies of Brazil.—The English, whose maritime power steadily

increased, settled in North America and the Antilles, at Bombay and Madras. In 1702 the union of the two East Indian *companies* tended to develope their power in the East. The French occupied Canada and some of the Antilles, and formed settlements at Cayenne, Senegal and Pondicherry.

The crown of Hungary became hereditary in the house of Austria.—The Turks appeared once more before Vienna [1683]; but Sobieski, king of Poland, raised the siege, and prince Eugene forced them to return within their own territories [1699].

*Eastern Europe.*

### III. EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

From the time of Gustavus Adolphus Sweden occupied the first rank among the states of the north. Supported by her alliance with France, she had retained Pomerania in Germany, conquered Livonia and Estonia, and resisted Denmark, Poland and Russia; but at the beginning of the XVIIIth century she was obliged to yield to the preponderance of Russia. This Slavonic nation, cramped

*Peter the Great.* at first by the Tartars and Poles, had gradually extended itself at their expense. Under **PETER I. the Great** [1689 —1725] Russia became a European nation and predominated in the north. Peter I., defeated at first by **CHARLES XII.** of Sweden, finally succeeded in taking from the Swedes two provinces of the Baltic. He founded S. Petersburg and drove the Turks back to the Dniester and the Tartars to the Caspian Sea. These successes enabled him to place his states in communication with Europe and Asia, and so to open hitherto barbarous regions to the light of civilisation.

*Alberoni.* Spain, under the ministry of cardinal **ALBERONI** [1715], endeavoured to recover what she had lost by the peace of Utrecht. He aimed at once at depriving **PHILIP OF ORLEANS** of the regency of France, at replacing in England the house of Hanover [**GEORGE I.** 1714] by the Pretender (the heir of the Stuarts), and at recovering the Italian provinces. He depended upon the aid of Charles XII. of Sweden in carrying out his projects, but they were

frustrated by the death of that king and the *quadruple alliance* of France, England, Holland and Austria. He was himself exiled.

Somewhat later, while Austria was engaged in an insignificant war in Poland, Spain recovered the kingdom of the two Sicilies, where she established **Don CARLOS**, son of Philip V. [1735] as sovereign. Thus the house of Bourbon reigned in France, Spain and Naples. Austria kept Milan, to which Tuscany was added as a fief of the empire, and Lorraine was promised to France. These are all the changes of any importance that took place under the feeble ministry of **DE FLEURY** in France and **ROBERT WALPOLE** in England.

The eighteenth century saw a new *Prussia*. protestant monarchy arise, that of Prussia, which soon counterpoised the influence of Austria in Germany.—In the time of Charles V. **ALBERT**, margrave of Brandenburg, joined to his states the possessions of the Teutonic Order (Oriental Prussia). His successors, particularly

*Frederick II.*

*Maria Theresa.*

the *Great Elector*, increased their territories, and in 1701 **FREDERIC I.** was crowned king at Königsburg. His son Frederic William I. and, eminently, **FREDERIC II. the Great**, who succeeded the latter in the year in which the Emperor **CHARLES VI.** left his hereditary possessions to his daughter **MARIA THERESA** [1740], considerably extended their territories. Although the leading powers had promised to maintain the *Pragmatic Sanction*, or the act confirming the imperial succession, all declared against Austria save England and Holland, who supported Maria Theresa and saved her from losing her crown. Frederic succeeded in taking Silesia; but elsewhere the enemy was repulsed, and had not Marshal **SAXE** triumphed in the Netherlands France might have lost her colonies. These were confirmed to her by the treaty of Aix la Chapelle [1748].

Maria Theresa, eager to recover Silesia, gained to her side France (up to that time the enemy of the house of Austria), Russia, and Saxony, and recommenced the war. This latter part of the Aus-

trian Succession War has been called the *Seven Years' War*. Frederic II. disarmed Saxony, and repulsed successively the French, Austrians and Prussians, while England, which was in league with Prussia, took Senegal, Canada and some of the Antilles from France. The treaties of Paris and Hubertsburg [1763] confirmed to the victors their conquests.

From this time Prussia, Austria and Russia, now at peace, applied themselves to the spoliation of Poland. This country was dismembered in 1773 and the definite partition took place in 1795: Prussia had the grand duchy of Posen, Austria obtained Galicia, and Russia the rest. **CATHERINE II.** empress of Russia [1762—1796] acting in concert with **JOSEPH II.** of Austria, attacked Turkey. She extended her southern frontier to the Pruth, took the Crimea from the Turks and most of Finland from the Swedes.

The maritime preponderance of England allowed her to increase the number of her colonies. During the XVIIIth century she obtained almost all those of

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France. Lord CLIVE [1757] and WARREN HASTINGS established the English sway in India by the acquisition of Bengal, and ruined the French influence there.

*United States.*

*Washington.*

But as England attempted to monopolise the trade of her colonies and to subject them to oppressive taxes those of America revolted. WASHINGTON directed the military movements of the insurgents with success, and FRANKLIN went to Europe to seek allies. France, Spain and Holland sided against England, which was compelled to acknowledge the independence of the United States by the treaty of Paris [1783]. Canada she retained. India now became the chief object of her ambition, and long wars were sustained there against HYDER ALI, TIPPOO SAIB and the Mahrattas before her supremacy was recognised. — Captain Cook explored Oceania ; and towards the close of the century the English formed a settlement at Sidney in New Holland.

*France.*

Since the time of Louis XIV. France had ceased to play an important part in

Europe; her declining power was shown in all the wars of the XVIIIth century. **Louis XV.** rendered the kingly authority despicable; deprived of all political power by Richelieu, many of the nobles were ruined by meddling in the monetary system introduced by **Law** [1717]; the philosophers **VOLTAIRE**, **ROUSSEAU**, **DIDEROT** and the **ENCYCLOPÉDISTS** attacked religion and threw contempt upon the clergy. The national life was centred in the commons (*tiers-état*) who imbibed the new ideas and sought to emancipate themselves.—The first proof of the change which was working in the public opinion was the expulsion of the Jesuits, who were successively banished from all the Catholic states; the abolition of their order was signed in 1773 by Pope **CLEMENT XIV**.

Louis XVI. was unable to retard this movement, and the French Revolution began at the moment of the meeting of the *States General* [1789].

#### IV. FRENCH REVOLUTION.

The *States General*, under the name of the *Assembly* (**MIRABEAU**), and after-

wards the *Legislative Assembly*, diminished the regal power. In 1792 the *National Convention*, directed by **ROBESPIERRE**, proclaimed the French Republic (Committee of Public Safety — Reign of Terror). But the excesses committed by the republicans caused the French to adopt another form of government called the *Directory* [1795].

Austria and Prussia were alarmed, and formed a coalition against France, under the direction of the English government (**PITT**), and supported by English money. **PICHEGRU** and **HOCHÉ**, in the north, and **BONAPARTE**, in Italy, triumphed over this *First Coalition*. By the treaty of Campo Formio [1797] Belgium was ceded to France; Holland and Lombardy were recognised as republics.

*Napoléon Bonaparte.*

After a short expedition in Egypt Bonaparte returned and abolished the *Directory*. Having been made *First Consul* in 1799, he triumphed over the *Second Coalition*, and, by the treaty of Amiens [1802], forced England to restore the colonies she had taken from Holland. Soon after Napoléon was

crowned *Emperor of the French and King of Italy* [1804]. He now directed all his force against England (*camp of Boulogne*); but the ruin of his fleet at Trafalgar (**NELSON**) and the declaration of war by Austria compelled him to turn his arms against Germany [*Third Coalition*—Peace of Presburg, 1805]. Having conquered the Austrians he was able to dismember the German empire. Having erected Bavaria and Wurtemburg into kingdoms he united the minor states under the name of the Rhine Confederation. Prussia was still more unfortunate in the war of 1806 (*Fourth Coalition*), terminated by the peace of Tilsit, 1807. Napoléon took from her Westphalia, of which he made a kingdom for his brother **JEROME**. He also established his brother-in-law **MURAT** at Naples, and his brother **JOSEPH** at Madrid, notwithstanding the resistance of the Spanish. Having triumphed over the *Fifth Coalition* [1809] he was master, directly or indirectly, of France, Italy, Belgium, western Germany as far as Hamburg, the Illyrian Provinces and also of Holland, for the last-men-

tioned country which had been erected into a kingdom under his brother **Louis** [1806] was annexed to the Empire in 1810.

From this time forward Napoléon's power gradually decreased. He lost an army in Russia [1812]. The Spanish and Portuguese, supported by the English (**WELLINGTON**), expelled the French from their country. The united forces of Russia, Prussia, Sweden, England and Austria (*Sixth Coalition*) beat the French troops at Leipzig. The allied armies poured into France at all quarters and overwhelmed Napoléon [1814]. He attempted to recover his power [the *hundred days*], but his defeat at Waterloo completed his ruin [1815].

*Congress of Vienna.*

The deputies of the different European powers determined and guaranteed to each other at the *Congress of Vienna* [1815] the limits of their several states. The Bourbons were re-established in France, Spain and Naples [Louis XVIII. *Restoration* — Ferdinand VII.]. It was decided that Germany should form a *Confederation* whose deputies should consti-

tute a *Diet* at Frankfort on the Maine, the Austrian deputy presiding.—Belgium, united to Holland, formed, under **WILLIAM I** of Orange, the kingdom of the Netherlands. Poland, set free for a short time by Napoléon, was ceded, as a distinct kingdom, to **ALEXANDER** of Russia.—Norway, hitherto united to Denmark, was bestowed upon **BERNADOTTE** of Sweden.—England retained almost all the colonies she had conquered during her wars with Napoléon save Dutch Guyana and Java, which were restored to the Netherlands. Since this time her power has extended itself in India.

## V. NINETEENTH CENTURY.

After a struggle of seven years [1821–1828] the Greeks regained their freedom, and Turkey, by the armed interference of England and France, was forced to acknowledge their independence. This struggle, together with the war she had to sustain against Russia (terminated by the peace of Adrianople), decided the decadence of the Turkish empire.

*Emancipation  
of the  
Greeks.*

*Emancipation of the colonies of America.*

The Spanish provinces in America, isolated from their mother country during the wars of Napoléon, formed themselves into republics (Mexico, Guatimala, New Granada, Ecuador, Peru, Chili, La Plata and Paraguay) 1811-1824. **BOLIVAR** was the great leader of this war of independence. In 1822 Brazil separated herself from Portugal and formed herself into an empire under **PEDRO**.

*Revolutions of 1830.*

The efforts of the republicans of Italy (*carbonari*) were forcibly stifled by the *Congress of Verona* [1822]. But in France **CHARLES X.**, having violated the charter granted by **Louis XVIII.**, was expelled with his family from France [July 1830], and the French chose for their king **Louis PHILIPPE** of Orleans, who completed the conquest of Algeria (Abdel-Kader). Belgium, supported by France, separated itself from Holland and formed a separate kingdom under **LEOPOLD I.** Poland failed in a similar attempt, and **NICHOLAS I.** incorporated it with Russia. Spain saved its constitution by supporting **ISABELLA II.** and excluding Don Carlos. The Portuguese

dethroned Don Miguel and chose **DONNA MARIA** [1834], daughter of the emperor of Brazil, for their queen.

Europe was troubled in 1848 by a new revolutionary explosion, which was, however, of no long duration. The re-

public proclaimed in France lasted until the *coup d'état* which re-established the imperial government in the person of **NAPOLEON III.** [1852].—It seemed for a time that the different states of Germany

were on the point of becoming united and acquiring constitutional liberties. (*Parliament of Frankfort*).

Austria, threatened with dissolution by the revolt of her Magyar and Italian subjects, recovered her unity under **FRANCIS JOSEPH I.** [1849].

The Italian subjects of Austria, although aided by **CHARLES ALBERT**, king of Sardinia, were conquered, and the quarrels of the Magyars (Kossuth and Görgey), together with the armed interference of Russia, brought about the suppression of the Hungarians.—On the other hand Napoléon crushed the revolution at Rome against Pope **PIUS IX.**,

and Austria supported the other threat-

*Revolutions of 1848.*

ened Italian governments. Democratical ideas can only really be said to have triumphed in Switzerland, for the *Sonderbund* was defeated in 1847, and Neuchatel was freed from the rule of Prussia (**FREDERICK WILLIAM IV.**) in 1848.

*War in  
the East.*

Russia, which had kept aloof from these agitations, attempted (**NICHOLAS I.**) to extend her dominions at the expense of Turkey ; but her armies were repulsed and defeated by the allied forces of England and France. The accession of **ALEXANDER II.** and the taking of Sebastopol put an end to the war [1855, *Congress of Paris*].

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## CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE.

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### ANCIENT HISTORY.

B.C.

- 2200. Menes.
- 1500. Sesostris.—Moses.
- 880. Lycurgus.
- 776. First Olympiad.
- 753. Rome founded.—Phul.
- 656. Psammetichus.—Deioces.
- 606. Nebuchadnezzar.—End of the new kingdom of Assyria.—Cyaxares.
- 594. Solon.
- 560. Cyrus.—End of the kingdom of Media.
- 538. Belshazzar.—End of the kingdom of Babylon.
- 525. Psammenitus.—Cambyses.
- 509. Tarquin.—Consuls at Rome.
- 490. Miltiades.—Darius.
- 480. Themistocles, Aristides, Leonidas, Pausanias. — Xerxes.
- 450. Cimon.—Decemvirs.
- 444. Supremacy of Athens.—Pericles.
- 431. Peloponnesian war.
- 404. Supremacy of Sparta.—Agesilaus.
- 389. Rome taken by the Gauls.—Camillus.
- 371. Supremacy of Thebes.—Epaminondas.
- 343. Samnite war.
- 336. Alexander the Great.
- 301. Antigonus.—Ptolemy.—Seleucus.
- 264. First Punic war.—Regulus.

B.C.

256 Parthians independent.  
 219. Second Punic war.—Hannibal.  
 202 Scipio Africanus.  
 168. End of the kingdom of Macedonia.—Æmilius Paulus.  
 146. Carthage and Corinth taken.  
 102 Invasion of the Cimbri.—Marius.  
 63. End of the kingdom of Syria.—Pompey.  
 48. Conquest of Gaul.—Cæsar.  
 30. Augustus.—End of the kingdom of Egypt.

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A.D.

70. Jerusalem taken.—Vespasian.—Titus.  
 98. Trajan.  
 226. New kingdom of Persia.—Ardshir.  
 284. Diocletian.  
 306. Constantine.  
 395. Theodosius.—Division of the Roman empire.—  
     Honorius and Arcadius.  
 405. Invasion of the Barbarians.  
 429. Vandals in Africa.—Genserick.  
 449. Germanic hordes in Britain.—Attila.  
 476. End of the Empire of the West.—Odoacer.

## MIDDLE AGES.

481. Franks in Gaul.—Clovis.  
 493. Ostrogoths in Italy.—Theodoric.  
 527. Justinian.—Belisarius.  
 568. Lombards in Italy.—Alboin.  
 622. Mahomet.—Hegira.  
 711. Arabs in Spain.  
 800. Charlemagne emperor of the West.  
 871. Alfred the Great.

A.D.

887. Arnulf.  
 912. Rollo.  
 936. Otto the Great.  
 987. Hugh Capet.  
 1000. Kingdoms of Poland and Hungary.—Boleslaus.  
     —Stephen.  
 1066. William the Conqueror.—Robert Guiscard.  
  
 1073. Gregory.—Henry IV.  
 1099. First Crusade.—Godfrey de Bouillon.  
 1142. Kingdom of Portugal.—Alphonso I.  
 1147. Second Crusade.—Louis VII.—Konrad III.  
 1190. Third Crusade.—Philippe Auguste.—Richard  
     Cœur de Lion.—Frederick Barbarossa.  
 1202. Fourth Crusade.—Latin Empire.  
 1208. Albigenses.—Innocent III.—Zenghis Khan.  
 1227. Fifth Crusade.—Frederic II.  
 1241. Hanseatic League.  
 1248. Sixth Crusade.—S. Louis.  
 1266. Charles of Anjou at Naples.  
 1270. Seventh Crusade.  
  
 1273. Rudolf of Hapsburg.  
 1282. Sicilian Vespers.  
 1300. Boniface VIII.—Philippe-le-Bel.  
 1308. Swiss Leagues.  
 1328. Philippe of Valoia.—Edward III.—Murad (or  
     Amurath) I.  
 1364. Charles V.—Duguesclin.  
 1397. Union of Kalmar.—Margaret.—Timour the Lame.  
 1419. Henry V. at Paris.—Zisca.  
 1428. Jeanne d'Arc.—Philippe-le-Bon.—Jacqueline of  
     Bavaria.  
 1453. Constantinople taken.—Mahomet II.—Matthias  
     Corvinus.—Scanderbeg.—Podiebrad.

A.D.

1462. Ivan III.  
 1469. Ferdinand and Isabella.  
 1477. Death of Charles-le-Téméraire (*i.e.* the Bold). — Louis XI.—Maximilian of Austria.  
 1485. Henry VII. (Tudor).  
 1492. Discovery of America. — Christopher Columbus.  
 1498. Vasco de Gama doubles the Cape of Good Hope.  
 1508. League of Cambray. — Julius II.

## • MODERN HISTORY.

1517. Luther. — Leon X. — Zwingle.  
 1519. Charles V. emperor. — Francis I.  
 1523. Gustavus Vasa.  
 1525. Charles V. takes Milan. — Soleyman.  
 1535. Calvin. — English reform. — Henry VIII.  
 1540. Ignatius Loyola.  
 1555. Peace of Augsburg. — Maurice of Saxony.  
 1556. Philip II.  
 1558. Elizabeth. — Mary Stuart.  
 1572. S. Bartholomew's Day. — Coligny.  
 1579. Union of Utrecht. — William of Orange.  
 1589. Henry IV. — Maurice of Nassau.  
 1598. Edict of Nantes.  
 1618. Thirty Years' War. — Ferdinand II.  
 1625. Richelieu.  
 1630. Gustavus Adolphus. — Wallenstein.  
 1640. Poland free.  
 1643. Louis XIV. — Mazarin.  
 1648. Peace of Westphalia. — Cromwell.  
 1672. Dutch war. — William III.  
 1678. Peace of Nimeguen.  
 1683. Sobieski saves Vienna.

A.D.

1685. Revocation of the Edict of Nantes.  
1688. William III. of England.  
1689. Peter the Great.  
1697. Peace of Ryswyk.—Charles XII.  
1700. Philip V. of Spain.  
1701. Kingdom of Prussia.—Frederick I.  
1713, } Peace of Utrecht and of Radstadt.—George I.  
1714, }  
1715. Alberoni.  
1735. Don Carlos at Naples.  
1740. Maria Theresa.—Frederick II.  
1748. Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle.  
1757. Lord Clive in Hindostan.  
1763. Peace of Paris and of Hubertsburg.—Catherine II.  
1773. First Dismemberment of Poland.—Abolition of  
the Order of Jesuits.  
1783. Republic of the United States.—Washington.—  
Pitt.  
  
1789. French Revolution.—Mirabeau.  
1792. French Republic.—Robespierre.  
1795. Directory.—First Coalition.  
1797. Treaty of Campo Formio.  
1799. Second Coalition.—Bonaparte First Consul.  
1802. Peace of Amiens.  
1804. Napoléon emperor.  
1805. Peace of Presburg, which terminates the third  
Coalition.  
1807. Peace of Tilsit, which terminates the fourth  
Coalition.  
1809. Fifth Coalition  
1812. Russian campaign.  
1813. Sixth Coalition.—Battle of Leipzig.  
1814. The Allies enter France.—Wellington.

<sup>A.D.</sup>

1815. Battle of Waterloo.—Congress of Vienna.

1821. The Greeks declare themselves free.

1822. American republics.—Brazil independent.—  
Congress of Verona.

1830. Taking of Algiers.—Louis Philippe I.—Leopold I.

1848. France a republic.

1852. Napoléon III. emperor.

1855. Congress of Paris, which terminates the war in  
the East.

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